

Abstract of the Disclosure

A portable food container 2 for separately retaining first and second food items.

5 The preferred portable food container 2 includes an outer container 10 including a first receptacle 12 at least partially defining a first compartment 13, an inner container 20 including a second receptacle 22 at least partially defining a second compartment 28, and an upper cover 50. The first receptacle 12 has an outer rim 16 and a first receptacle opening 18 defined by the outer rim 16. The second receptacle 22 has a peripheral collar 30 having an outer edge 32 and an inner edge 34, the outer edge 32 designed and constructed to engage the outer rim 16 of the first receptacle 22 such that the inner container 20 resides at least partially within the outer container 10. The inner edge 34 defines a second receptacle opening 36 and the peripheral collar 30 has an upper surface 38 interconnecting the outer edge 32 with the inner edge 34. The upper surface 38 has an upper surface opening 40, which communicates with the first compartment 13 when the outer edge 32 of the inner container 20 is engaged with the outer rim 16 of the outer container 10. The upper cover 50 is designed and constructed to engage the peripheral collar 30 in such a manner so as to retain a first or second food items placed within the second compartment 28 when the upper cover 50 is engaged with the peripheral collar 30 and the second receptacle 22 is turned upside down. In preferred embodiments, the volume of the second compartment 28 is preferably from about 50% to about 99% of the total volume of the first and second compartments 13, 28 combined. In further embodiments, a further preferred portable food container 2' preferably has a flavor tablet 61 including flavoring agents; wherein the flavor tablet 61 dissolves, thereby releasing the flavoring agents, when the tablet 61 comes into contact with fluids within the first compartment 28 having an aqueous phase. In yet other embodiments, the second receptacle opening 36 is preferably separated from the upper surface opening 40' by a distance of less than about 1 inch and the peripheral collar 30' preferably includes an air vent opening 64.